

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR 1944

The Wilson Ornithological Club continued to prosper in 1944, despite interruptions resulting from the war. We closed our year (as of December 1) with 1,084 members on our rolls, a net increase of 56 over the membership in 1943. During 1944, we lost from all causes 95 members and received 151 new ones, including a number of former members who had dropped out during the last few years.

Our membership by classes is now distributed as follows: 3 Founders, 24 Life Members (an increase for the year of 5), 58 Sustaining Members (an increase of 13), 385 Active Members (an increase of 51), and 614 Associate Members (a decrease of 13).

The Membership Committee, with Frederick M. Baumgartner as Chairman, and also the officers and members of the Club, have been diligent in searching out new members. Special mention should be made of George O. Hendrickson whose recommendations secured 42 new members in 1944! Richard L. Weaver secured 8 new members; J. J. Hickey and George M. Sutton, 7 each; W. J. Breckenridge and Harold D. Mitchell, 5 each; Clark S. Beardslee and I. B. Boggs, 4 each; Frank J. Hinds, Linus C. Hoffmeister, Howard L. Mendall, Edwin T. Moul, and Frank A. Pitelka, 3 each; A. F. Ganier, Lawrence I. Grinnell, H. W. Hann, S. C. Harriot, and Gordon Wilson, two each; Bernard William Baker, Mrs. F. L. Battell, Howard Elmer Bishop, L. Irby Davis, John T. Emlen, Jr., William G. Fargo, S. B. Heckler, Harold M. Hefley, Dorothy Hobson, George T. Hughes, David W. Johnston, E. J. Koestner, Harry A. McGraw, Howard H. Michaud, Levi L. Mohler, Gale Monson, Roger Tory Peterson, Charles L. Remington, Thomas J. Scott, Wayne Short, Gerald B. Spawn, Doris Huestis Speirs, J. Murray Speirs, Gustav Swanson, Ruth D. Turner, Frank G. Watson, and Harold B. Wood, one each. The nomination blanks included with the annual dues notices have added an encouraging number of prospective members to our list.

The mail ballot for officers of the Club during 1945 resulted in the election of the slate suggested by the Nominating Committee, namely:

President: S. Charles Kendeigh

First Vice-President: Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr.

Second Vice-President: Harrison F. Lewis

Secretary: Maurice Brooks

Treasurer: Milton B. Trautman

Councillors: Burt L. Monroe, Eugene P. Odum, Lawrence H. Walkinshaw

Josselyn Van Tyne was re-elected Editor at the meeting of the Council in August.

The Secretary wishes to express the thanks of the Club to the many persons whose efforts have forwarded the work of the organization during these difficult times.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE BROOKS, *Secretary*

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WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB LIBRARY

The following gifts have been recently received. From:

G. Reeves Butchart—1 book

Leon Kelso—1 pamphlet

William H. Phelps—4 reprints

Katie Roads—2 books, 2 pamphlets

Wendell Taber—1 book

Josselyn Van Tyne—43 reprints

James B. Young—1 reprint